



HAWAII TO HOST APEC SUMMIT 2011



President Barack Obama's selection of Honolulu as the site for the annual APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation) Leaders Meeting which takes place at the Hawai'i Convention Center in Honolulu from November 12-20, means that Honolulu will both open the U.S. year of hosting APEC with an agenda-setting conference, and close the year with the huge Ministerial and Leaders meetings. East-West Center President Charles E. Morrison, who coordinated the Honolulu bid for APEC 2011, commented:

"With at least 19 heads of state, double or triple that number of ministers and many others coming, the annual APEC gathering is one of the world's largest inter-governmental meetings. The Leaders Meeting in 2011 will be by far the largest such gathering in Hawai'i's history. Home of the world's most diverse Asia-Pacific community, he believes that APEC 2011 will be a big economic boost and provide huge publicity benefits for Hawai'i.

APEC is the premier forum for Asia-Pacific economies to cooperate on regional trade and investment issues. Its annual Leaders and Ministerial meetings are attended by heads of state, cabinet ministers, business leaders and the heads of the World Bank and World Trade Organization, among many others. The Hawai'i meetings, are expected to draw more than 10,000 people to Honolulu.

APEC's annual Leader's Meeting is hosted each year by a different member economy; 2011 is the United States' first turn to host since the first meeting convened on Blake Island, Washington in 1993.

Charles Morrison noted that federal officials were impressed by the ease of working with Hawai'i. "I believe that among the many factors contributing to our selection was the close cooperation between the governor, the mayor, our congressional delegation led by Senator Inouye, and the business and tourism communities," he said. "It is a lot simpler for federal authorities to work with a unified city/county government like Honolulu's, which is also just a short walk from the governor's office." He added: "The fact that the president is inviting his counterpart leaders to his native town is perceived by many cultures as showing guests the highest respect."

American Global Leadership Remarks by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, at the Center for American Progress, October 12, 2011.

"Securing and sustaining global leadership for the next half century is the organizing principle behind everything I do. That's because our global leadership holds the key not only to our prosperity and security at home but to the kind of world that is increasingly interconnected and complex."

America's Pacific Century. Op-ed by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton in *Foreign Policy*, October 11, 2011

The U.S. and APEC: U.S. Hosts Honolulu Meeting, November 8-13 Fact sheet. *U.S. Dept of State*, October 24, 2011.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Economic Statecraft and Foreign Policy Priorities Briefing by Jake Sullivan, Director of Policy Planning, U.S. Dept of State, at the Foreign Press Center, U.S. Dept of State, in New York, October 14, 2011.

Secretary Clinton's economic statecraft speech should be seen as part of a larger set of speeches but also as part of a larger project, a project related to American leadership and to contributing to global prosperity, growth, and security over time, according to the Director of Policy Planning.

Peace Corps, the Next 50 Years Hearing before a *subcomm. of the U.S. Senate Comm. on Foreign Relations*, October 6'11.

As it celebrates fifty years of public service by its volunteers, Senator Christopher Dodd reminds that "Given how much the world has changed since March, 1, 1961, when President Kennedy signed the Executive Order establishing the Peace Corps, it is also an appropriate time to take stock of any challenges facing the organization so it will remain relevant and productive for the next fifty years."

Think Again: War by Joshua Goldstein in *Foreign Policy*, Sept/October 2011. 4p.

Reasons to ponder war and peace, as American University's Goldstein takes a second look on the effects of war on civilian populations, the effectiveness of peacekeeping efforts, the connection between peace and democracy, ongoing conflicts, and the destructive outcome of potential wars.

The South China Sea is the Future of Conflict by Robert Kaplan in *Foreign Policy*, Sept./October 2011. 9p.

Kaplan warns that the 21st century's defining battleground is going to be on water.

North Korea Poses Multiple Security Challenges by Mark Fitzpatrick. *CSIS*, July 21, 2011. 2p.

The immediate security challenges posed by North Korea are formidable - they include an array of weapons of mass destruction: a plutonium-based nuclear weapons program now supplemented by uranium enrichment; the world's third largest chemical weapons arsenal, possibly biological weapons and a range of ballistic missiles that may be able to deliver these weapons to South Korea and Japan. The threat from these weapons is not just direct. North Korea has threatened to transfer nuclear weapons technology along with missiles and other arms.

Marching to a Meltdown? by Ashley Tellis. *CEIP*, September 10, 2011.

Since 9/11, the U.S.-Pakistani bilateral relationship has become increasingly tense due to divergent objectives, poor alternatives, and differing viewpoints between the two countries.

U.N. System Development Assistance: Issues for Congress *CRS*, July 28, 2011. 42p.

The U.N. plays a unique role in development. Experts believe its universal membership provides the U.N. with a neutrality, legitimacy, and convening power not enjoyed by countries and other development organizations, as its workers help countries achieve social and economic progress by way of program implementation, technical assistance, providing forums for intergovernmental cooperation, setting and facilitating international standards and norms, advocacy and awareness raising, and research and data collection.

Something's Happening Here by Thomas L. Friedman in *The New York Times*, October 11, 2011.

There's a big shift going on... Friedman ponders whether it could be the start of the Great Disruption?

New Arms-Reduction Treaty Builds U.S., Russian Confidence *IIP Digital*, October 26, 2011.

Natural Gas as an Instrument of Russian State Power by Alexander Ghaleb. *Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College*, October 2011. Note: 166p.

U.S. - Korea Relations

President Obama Signs South Korea, Colombia, Panama Trade Deals *IIP*, 21 October 2011.

President Obama has signed into law long-delayed free-trade agreements with South Korea, Colombia and Panama that are expected to significantly expand economic growth for the United States and its three partners, saying "these trade agreements will significantly boost American exports, support tens of thousands of American jobs and protect labor rights, the environment and intellectual property."

Obama: U.S. Commitment to South Korea "Will Never Waver" *IIP Digital*, October 13, 2011.

The U.S.-South Korea Alliance by Jayshree Bajoria & Youkyung Lee. *CFR*, October 13, 2011.

Joint Challenges for U.S.-South Korea Alliance by Jayshree Bajoria, *CFR*, October 13, 2011.

U.S.-South Korea Relations *CRS*, October 11, 2011.

Much of the current closeness between Seoul and Washington is due to South Korea's President Lee.

U.S.-Iranian Relations

Addressing Potential Threats from Iran: Administration Perspectives on Implementing New Economic Sanctions One Year Later Hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, October 13, 2011.

State Sponsors: Iran Backgrounder by Greg Bruno. *CFR*, October 13, 2011.

The Lengthening List of Iran Sanctions Backgrounder by Greg Bruno. *CFR*, October 13, 2011.

Emerging Threats and Security in the Western Hemisphere: Next Steps for U.S. Policy Hearing before the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 13, 2011. See **transcripts** and scroll to date.

The Effort to Isolate Iran by Jayshree Bajoria, *CFR*, October 19, 2011.

Obama: Iranian Plot a Flagrant Violation of International Law. *IIP Digital*, October 12, 2011. **Listen**

Iran's Two Navies *Middle East Security Report 1*, October 5, 2011.

Iran and the Arab Uprisings by Jayshree Bajoria, *CFR*, October 3, 2011.

Transatlantic Missile Defense: Phase II and the Lead Up to the NATO Chicago Summit Remarks by U.S. Under Secretary of State Ellen Tauscher at the Atlantic Council Missile Defense Conference, October 18, 2011.

Nuclear Weapons Modernization in Russia and China: Understanding Impacts to the United States Hearing before a subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Armed Services, October 14, 2011.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: Background and Current Developments *CRS*, October 5, 2011.

The U.S. and India: A Shared Strategic Future A *CFR-Aspen Institute India Joint Study Group* report, September 2011. 67p.

Combating Illicit Trade and Converging Threats: Reducing the Harm to Economic Growth, Sustainable Development and Global Security by David Luna, Director for Anticrime Programs, U.S. Dept of State, in Phuket, Thailand, October 27, 2011.

East Asia/Pacific

America's Pacific Century by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in *Foreign Policy*, October 25, 2011.

The Secretary says "President Obama has led a multifaceted and persistent effort to embrace fully our irreplaceable role in the Pacific, spanning the entire U.S. government."

Panetta to Highlight Regional Cooperation in Asia *IIP Digital*, October 21, 2011 (visit of U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta to Indonesia, Japan and South Korea).

U.S. Engagement in Asia Remarks by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, October 10, 2011.

ASEAN's Dilemma: Courting Washington Without Hurting Beijing by Amitav Acharya. *East-West Center*, October 18, 2011.

Talks with North Korea Remarks by Clifford Hart, Special Envoy to the Six-Party Talks, U.S. Mission to the U.N., Geneva, October 24, 2011.

Visit of U.S. Asst. Secretary of State Kurt M. Campbell to Indonesia and the Philippines *IIP Digital*, October 24, 2011.

ASEAN's Dilemma: Courting Washington Without Hurting Beijing by Amitav Acharya. *East-West Center*, October 18'11.

U.S. Sees "Positive Trend" from Burma's Leadership *IIP Digital*, October 17, 2011.

Special Briefing on Burma Briefing by Derek Mitchell, Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma, U.S. Dept of State, October 17, 2011. **Listen**

Growing U.S. Role in South China Sea Expert brief by Joshua Kurlantzick, *CFR*, October 11, 2011.

Congressional-Executive Commission on China: Annual Report 2011. The Commission, October 10, 2011. Note: 351p. (chapters on human rights; the development of the rule of law; Xinjiang; Tibet; and developments in Hong Kong and Macau). **News Release** - Commission co-chairs, October 13, 2011.

More Exchanges Will Sustain U.S.-Japan Relationship *IIP Digital*, October 7, 2011. **Secretary Clinton's Remarks at the U.S.-Japan Council Annual conference** / **Listen**

Why Taiwan Matters, Part II Hearing before the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 4, 2011. Testimony, Kurt M. Campbell **Listen** / **Why Taiwan Matters, Part I** June 16, 2011.

Asian Alliances in the 21st Century by Dan Blumenthal et al. *Project 2049 Institute*, August 2011. 38p.

Looking Ahead: U.S.-India Strategic Relations and the Transpacific Century Remarks by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Robert O. Blake, Jr., at the National Bureau of Asian Research, in Washington DC, September 28, 2011.

U.S. Foreign Policy After 9/11

The Death of the Qaddafi Generation: The Death of Arab Strongmen Comes to an End by Mohammad Baxi in *Foreign Policy*, October 21, 2011.

CFR's Bazzi believes Qaddafi's death marks the end of the rule of these old-style nationalist leaders.

A Decade After 9/11: What We Got Right in the War on Terror by Abe Greenwald in *Commentary*, September 2011. 14p.

The U.S. war on terror and the lessons the U.S. has learned from the efforts.

Ten Years after 9/11: Can Terrorists Still Exploit Our Visa System? Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security*, September 13, 2011. [Listen](#)

Assessing the Threat: Is the U.S. Still Vulnerable *CFR*, September 11, 2011.

Middle East

Through Vote, Tunisians Took "Important Step Forward", Obama Says *IIP Digital*, October 24, 2011.

Tunisian Constituent Assembly Elections Statement by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, October 24, 2011.

Statement by President Obama on the Declaration of Liberation in Libya *The White House*, October 23, 2011. [Remarks by Secretary Clinton](#)

Clinton: U.S. Committed to Helping Pakistan Boost Development *IIP Digital*, October 22, 2011.

Remarks by President Obama on Ending the War in Iraq *White House*, October 21, 2011.

Obama: All U.S. Forces to Leave Iraq by End of 2011 *IIP Digital*, October 21, 2011.

Tunisians in U.S. Vote in Their Country's Historic Elections *IIP Digital*, October 21, 2011.

Secretary Clinton Remarks with Libyan Prime Minister Mahmoud Jibril in Tripoli, October 18, 2011. [Listen](#)

Townhall Meeting with Youth and Civil Society Remarks by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton at Tripoli University, October 18, 2011. [See also](#)

Avoiding Collision Course in Mideast Interview - Ziad J. Asali, American Task Force on Palestine. *CFR*, September 16, 2011.

Turkey's Emergence as a Middle Eastern Stakeholder and What This Means for the West by Joshua W. Walker & Emiliano Alessandri. *German Marshall Fund of the United States*, October 10, 2011. 4p. [Brief summary](#)

Afghanistan: Right Sizing the Development Footprint Hearing, *U.S. Senate Comm. on Foreign Rels.* September 8, 2011.

Security Council Briefing on the Iran Sanctions Committee Remarks by Susan E. Rice, U.S. Permanent Representative to the U.N., September 7, 2011. [Listen](#)

Clinton Visits Tripoli "On the Issues" brief by Robert Perito. *U.S. Institute of Peace*, October 18, 2011.

Iran and Syria: Next Steps - Part II Hearing before the *U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs*, October 14, 2011. [Transcripts](#), and scroll down to date. [Listen](#)

Eye on the Middle East and North Africa – material compiled and updated by the U.S. Institute of Peace.

Turmoil in Syria: Reshaping the Middle East? Compiled by the U.S. Institute of Peace, 2011.

Stiffening Challenges over Syria Analysis brief by Deborah Jerome, *CFR*, October 5, 2011.

U.S. Policy after the U.N. Vote Commentary by Anthony H. Cordesman, September 22, 2011 (Israel/Palestinian issues).

International Organizations

2011 Global Hunger Index: The Challenge of Hunger: Taming Price Spikes and Excessive Food Price Volatility Report. *International Food Policy Research Institute et al.* October 2011. 64p.

Assessing Progress in Africa toward the Millennium Development Goals: MDG Report 2011 *UN Economic Commission for Africa*, October 2011. [Downloads by section](#)

Opening Statement by the United States of America at the U.N. Convention Against Corruption 4th Conference of the States Parties in Marrakech, October 24, 2011.

Remarks by Susan E. Rice, U.S. Permanent Representative to the UN, at an Open Debate of the Security Council on the Middle East October 24, 2011 (on multiple topics).

Defense & National Security

The Future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years after 9/11: Perspectives from Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Martin Dempsey Hearing before the *U.S. House Committee on Armed Services*, October 13, 2011. [Listen](#)

Forum for a Nuclear-Free World. Remarks by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Rose Gottemoeller, in Astana, Kazakhstan, October 13, 2011.

How Visa Reform Could Benefits Jobs and National Security by James Jay Carafano, *Heritage*, October 11, 2011.

Biological Weapons Convention: The Next Five Years Remarks by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Countryman, October 4, 2011.

Intelligence Sharing and Terrorist Travel Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security*, October 5, 2011.

Implementing Missile Defense in Europe Fact sheet *The White House*, September 15, 2011.

U.S. Periods of War & Dates of Current Conflicts CRS, August 23,'11.

Democracy & Human Rights

The U.N. Human Rights Council: Issues for Congress CRS, July 18, 2011.

How Civil Society Can Help by Jeff Ballinger in *Harvard International Review*, Summer 2011. 6p.

The author, Director of Press for Change, an NGO advocating worker rights in the developing world, discusses the consequences of globalization in light of the proliferation of sweatshop workers who are receiving little or no pay in several garment and textile factories in developing countries. He examines how civil society and nongovernmental organizations can help to reduce labor exploitation in those countries.

Taming and Reining in Cyberspace by Josh Smith in *National Journal*, September 17, 2011. 6p.

From blocking online poker to tracking suspected terrorists' cyber-footprints, governments are exercising more power over - and through - the Internet than ever before. The author, a staff reporter for *National Journal*, discusses the growing threat of Internet censorship and the power of governments to control the Internet.

Interim Report of the U.N. Rapporteur for Human Rights in Iran *U.S. Dept of State*, October 18, 2011.

U.S. Department of Labor's List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor *Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Dept of Labor*, September 2011. 76p.

Development/Reconstruction

Girls Grow: A Vital Force in Rural Economies: A Girls Count Report on Adolescent Girls *Chicago Council on Global Affairs*, October 2011. Note: 172p. [Summary](#) / [Press Release](#)

U.S. Helps African Women Multiply Their Business Success *IIP Digital*, October 12, 2011.

Reconstruction Zones in Afghanistan and Haiti: A Way to Enhance Aid Effectiveness and Accountability by Graciana del Castillo. *U.S. Institute of Peace*, October 2011. 16p. [Summary](#)

Pathways to Prosperity in the Americas: Supporting Women Entrepreneurs Fact sheet. *U.S. Dept of State*, October 5, 2011.

Illicit Trade

Combating Illicit Trade and Converging Threats: Reducing the Harm to Economic Growth, Sustainable Development and Global Security Remarks by David M. Luna, Director for Anticrime Programs, U.S. Dept of State, in Phuket, Thailand, October 27, 2011.

POLITICS / GOVERNMENT

The GOP's 2012 Field by Jonathan Decker in *Policy Review*, August 1, 2011.

Election 2012 has already begun. President Barack Obama in early April formed his reelection committee, which will allow his campaign to begin raising money for what is expected to be the most expensive presidential campaign in American history. His reelection, though, is by no means a sure thing. The electoral map that won him the Oval Office in 2008 will be strikingly different in 2012. What follows is an evaluation of the Republican field for the nomination, who the White House fears most, and what will likely be the path to the presidency for the 2012 Republican nominee.

Candidate Strategies in the Presidential Nomination Campaign by Travis Ridout & Jenny Holland in *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, October 2010.

The authors examine the situations under which candidates in multicandidate races go on the attack (both intraparty and interparty), paying special attention to the timing of the attacks, whether the attacker or the attacked is a front-runner or trailing, and candidate ideology. Using ad tracking data from the 2004 and 2008 U.S. presidential nomination campaigns and detailed polling data from each state, the authors find that timing is an important consideration in launching an attack and that candidate ideology determines who gets attacked.

Some government/politics resources which may be of interest:

How News Media and Blogs Have Eyed the Presidential Contenders during the First Phase of the 2012 Race *Pew Research Center*, October 17, 2011. 60p.

Top 10 American Protest Movements *Time*, October 12, 2011.

Public Divided over Occupy Wall Street Movement *Pew Research Center*, October 24, 2011.

Intellectual Roots of Wall Street Protests Lie in Academe by Dan Berrett. *Chronicle of Higher Education*, October 16'11.

An Alternative Approach to Political Party Assistance in Developing Democracies by Tim Meisburger. *The Asia Foundation*, September 2011. 20p. **See also**

Wall Street Protests Receive Limited Attention; Public Remains Focused on Economic Conditions *Pew Research Center*, October 12, 2011. **Full Report** 22p.

BUSINESS

Tough Cookies: Why Corporate America Needs Girl Scouts by Kathy Cloninger on *FastCompany.com*, October 28, 2011.

In 2011, only 20% of leaders in private companies worldwide are women. Meanwhile, heavily male-dominated industries like banking and utilities face the toughest challenges in a generation. The CEO of Girl Scouts USA on why troops of 9-year-old cookie pushers are America's greatest hope for change.

Promoting Pharmaceutical Innovation and Patient Confidence Remarks by U.S. Under Secretary of State Robert D. Hormats at the Sino-U.S. Pharmaceutical Industry Summit of 2011, in Beijing, October 18, 2011.

Unemployment, the Labor Market, and the Economy Speech by Daniel K. Tarullo, a Governor of the U.S. Federal Reserve, October 20, 2011.

An Analysis of Small Business Innovation in Green Technologies by Anthony Breitzman & Patrick Thomas for the U.S. Small Business Administration, October 2011. 46p.

Recent Trends in Small Business Lending by Liz Laderman & James Gillan. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, *FRBSF Economic Letter*, October 17, 2011.

Nowhere to Go: Geographic and Occupational Immobility and Free Trade Report of the *Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress*, October 12, 2011. 4p.

More U.S. Companies Having Difficulty Attracting Critical-Skill Employees, Towers Watson Survey Finds *Towers Watson*, October 10, 2011.

Moving from Unemployment Checks to Paychecks: Assessing the President's Proposals to Help the Long-Term Unemployed Hearing before the *U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means*, October 6, 2011.

Banking on the Social Network: Despite Compliance Issues and the Difficulty of Measuring Returns, a Panel of Bankers Says Social Media Has Emerged as a Must-Have Marketing Tool *BAI, Banking Strategies*, September 27, 2011.

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

What Drives Gas Prices: Cartels, Speculators, or Supply and Demand? by Kenneth P. Green in *Energy and Environment Outlook* #3, August 2011. 6p.

The true causes of oil price fluctuations and how policymakers can help lower gasoline prices.

Back to the Future: A Roadmap for Tomorrow's Cities by James H. Kunstler in *Orion*, July/Aug., 2011. 8p.

Many seem to think that there will be more of everything - more people, taller skyscrapers, greater suburbs, bigger airplanes, larger metro regions, or even super-gigantic slums. Seeing things differently, the author of several books on urban planning, including *The Geography of Nowhere*, discusses the future of suburbia and skyscraper-studded cities in the U.S.

Climate Action Goes Local *eJournal USA. IIP, U.S. Dept. of State*, August 31, 2011.

This issue examines what it means to think globally about climate change — and to act locally. It shows how communities and nongovernmental groups worldwide are initiating programs that counter climate change, and why leadership from local officials and buy-in from local populations and businesses are necessary for such programs to be effective. An excerpt from *Local Action: The New Paradigm in Climate Change Policy* by Tommy Linstroth & Ryan Bell outlines advantages local governments have over central governments, etc. in developing, monitoring and adapting climate change programs to serve their constituencies.

U.S., EU Join Forces to Stop Illegal Fishing *IIP Digital*, September 7, 2011.

"Illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing is one of the most serious threats to American fishing jobs and fishing communities, as well as to the health of the world's oceans," according to NOAA's (Nat. Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin.'s) Jane Lubchenco.

Advancing Coal Research and Development for a Secure Energy Future Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space and Technology*, October 13, 2011.

Innovative Practices to Create Jobs and Reduce Pollution Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works*, October 13, 2011.

The Endangered Species Act Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space and Technology*, October 13, 2011.

A Strong EPA Protects Our Health and Promotes Economic Growth Majority staff report of the *U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works*, October 6, 2011. 29p.

Cutting EPA Spending Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Comm. on Energy and Commerce*, October 12, 2011.

Five-Year Survey Shows Wetlands Losses Are Slowing, Marking Conservation Gains and Need for Continued Investment in Habitat News release, *U.S. Dept of the Interior*, October 6, 2011. **Survey Report**

Group Urges Research into Aggressive Efforts to Fight Climate Change *New York Times* online, October 4, 2011.

Earthquakes: Risk, Detection, Warning, and Research September 2, 2011.

Streamlining Emergency Management: Improving Preparedness, Response, and Cutting Costs Hearing before the *U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, October 13, 2011.

Greening Growth in Asia and the Pacific Report. *Asian Development Bank*, September 20, 2011. **New release**

Foundations for Innovation: Advancing Technologies and Strategies for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Quantification Report of the *Steering Committee for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Quantification and Verification Strategies*, May 2011. 28p.

Global Farmer Award Dinner Remarks by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Jose W. Fernandez, October 11, 2011 (potential for biotechnology in agriculture, especially in developing nations).

Agricultural Outlook by Jason Henderson, vice president Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas, September 28, 2011. 26p.

Science and the Environment

What You Don't Know Can Kill You by Jason Daley in *Discover*, July/August 2011. 8p.

Daley explores the human reaction to risk and how threats are perceived by the brain; while research on risk perception conducted by professionals in the field of nanotechnology is also discussed.

Should Scientists Use Genetically Modified Insects to Fight Disease? by Mark Benedict & Helen Wallace in *Scientific American*, October 24, 2011.

Two scientists explore the controversies over releasing genetically modified mosquitoes into the wild.

TRADE / ECONOMY

The Impact of Globalization on Income and Employment by Michael Spence in *Foreign Affairs*, July/August 2011. 14p.

As developing countries become more competitive, growth and employment in the United States are starting to diverge, increasing income inequality and reducing jobs for less-educated workers. The author, a distinguished visiting fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, discusses the impact of globalization on the distribution of jobs and wealth and the challenge for the U.S. economy.

Does the Euro Have a Future? by George Soros in the *New York Review of Books*, October 13, 2011.

Legendary investor George Soros writes that the current euro crisis is a consequence of the financial crash of 2008. He believes that, to escape the current scenario, the authorities should prepare for the possibility of default and temporary departure from the eurozone of Greece, Portugal and Ireland. Additionally, four measures need to be taken: bank deposits should be protected; banks in defaulting countries should be kept functioning; the European banking system should be put under pan-European, not national supervision; and government bonds of other deficit countries should be protected.

China's Currency: An Analysis of the Economic Issues CRS, August 3, 2011. 43p.

This overview of the economic issues surrounding the current debate over China's currency policy identifies the economic costs and benefits of China's currency policy for both China and the United States, and possible implications if China were to allow its currency to significantly appreciate or to float freely.

An Exorbitant Burden by Michael Pettis in *Foreign Policy*, September 7, 2011. 7p.

The relationship between the role of U.S. dollar as the world's reserve currency and the power of the U.S. economy.

International Regulatory Cooperation after the Crisis by Richard Heckinger & Robert S. Steigerwald. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, *Chicago Fed Letter*, November 2011. 4p.

The Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement – Latest News

TPP Negotiators Conclude Strong Ninth Round of Negotiations News release, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), October 28, 2011. Conclusion of the ninth round of Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations held in Lima.

The Trans-Pacific Partnership Negotiations in Lima, Peru USTR news release, October 22, 2011.

The Outlook for the U.S. Economy and Economic Policy Speech by Janet L. Yellen, Vice Chair, U.S. Federal Reserve, October 21, 2011.

The G20 and Global Economic and Financial Risks Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs*, October 20, 2011.

What Occupy Wall Street Gets Wrong About Inequality by Douglas Holtz-Eakin in *Foreign Affairs*, October 24, 2011.

Technology and the Innovation Economy by Darrell M. West. *Brookings*, October 19, 2011. 12p.

The Effects of the Great Depression on Central Bank Doctrine and Practice Speech by Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, U.S. Federal Reserve, October 18, 2011.

Economic Data – Appearances Can Be Deceiving by James Bullard, president and chief executive officer, Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis, October 2011.

Congress Approves Trade Agreements with Colombia, Panama IIP Digital, October 13, 2011. **Remarks by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton**

The Way Forward: Moving from the Post-Bubble, Post-Bust Economy to Renewed Growth and Competitiveness by Daniel Alpert et al. *New America Foundation*, October 2011. 35p.

Antitrust Policy in an Age of Rapid Innovation by Irwin Stelzer. *Hudson Institute*, October 2011. 11p.

From Enactment to Entry into Force: Next Steps on the Trade Agreements *USTR*, October 13, 2011.

U.S. Takes Aim at Yuan Analysis brief by Christopher Alessi. *CFR*, October 12, 2011.

Incomes Are Down, Poverty is Up by Daniel Hartley. *Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Economic Trends*, October 7, 2011.

The Future of Inflation by Joseph G. Haubrich. *Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Economic Commentary*, October 5, 2011.

China-U.S. Trade Issues *CRS*, September 30, 2011.

Economic Outlook by Charles I. Plosser, *Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia*, September 29, 2011.

China's Holdings of U.S. Securities: Implications for the U.S. Economy *CRS*, September 26, 2011.

Emergency Committee for American Trade (pro-trade lobby group)

Interpreting the Recent Slowdown: Delayed Recovery or Stall Speed? by Margaret Jacobson & Filippo Occhino. *Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Economic Trends*, September 7, 2011.

U.S. SOCIETY & CULTURE

Steve Jobs: How to Live Before You Die Speech at Stanford University Posted on *TED Talks*, (Filmed 2005) October 2011.

Cultivating Civil Society 2.0 – *eJournal USA*, October 2011. *IIP, U.S. Department of State*.

Explores the evolving intersection between civil society and technology and offers examples of how civil society organizations are exploiting technology's potential to give a voice to the voiceless and homes to the homeless. [Download by chapter](#)

The State of Religious Liberty in the United States Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary*, October 26, 2011.

Excessive Drinking Costs U.S. \$223.5 Billion *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*, October 17, 2011.

Creating Pathways to Opportunities Report - Highlighting Work Done to Help Underserved Communities, Strengthen the Middle Class Fact Sheet. *White House*, October 14, 2011. [Report](#) 45p.

In a Down Economy, Fewer Births *Pew Research Center*, October 12, 2011. 15p.

All Immigration is Local: Receiving Communities and Their Role in Successful Immigrant Integration by Michael Jones-Correa. *Center for American Progress*, September 2011. 53p. [Summary](#)

Arbitration: Is It Fair When Forced? Hearing before the *U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary*, October 13, 2011.

Uncertain Justice: The State of Federal Sentencing and the U.S. Sentencing Commission Six Years after U.S. vs. Booker Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary*, October 12, 2011.

Considering the Role of Judges under the Constitution of the United States Hearing before the *U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary*, October 5, 2011.

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